

Graduation and Dropout Rates 2019-20

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Key Points

- The District's 4-Year Graduation rate decreased by approximately 3.2% in 2019-20.
- The drop in graduation rate was most pronounced among African American students within OPS (-4.6%). At the state level, grad rates for African American students also dropped the most compared to other race/ethnicities (-3.5).
- The graduation rate for the 5-Year cohort of 2018-19 students increased to 79.7% with 131 additional students graduating.
- The graduation rate for the 6-Year cohort of 2017-18 students increased to 83.7%, which is average for the past five years.
- The District's 2019-20 dropout rate (3.1%) is back to its five year high which was also 3.1% in 2016-17.
- The dropout rate has decreased among White students (-0.1%), but has increased most prominently with multi-racial students (+1.5%)

Graduation Rates 2019-20



Graduation Rate Formula

4 Year Adjusted Cohort Graduation Rate (ACG)

NDE started using ACG rate during the 2010-11 school year

Numerator: Graduates (4 year only)

Denominator:

- Starts with the original class of True Freshmen
- Adds students who transferred into the district
- Subtracts students who transferred out of the district

$$\frac{\text{\# of Graduates (4 year only)}}{\text{\# True Freshman + Transfers In – Transfers Out}}$$

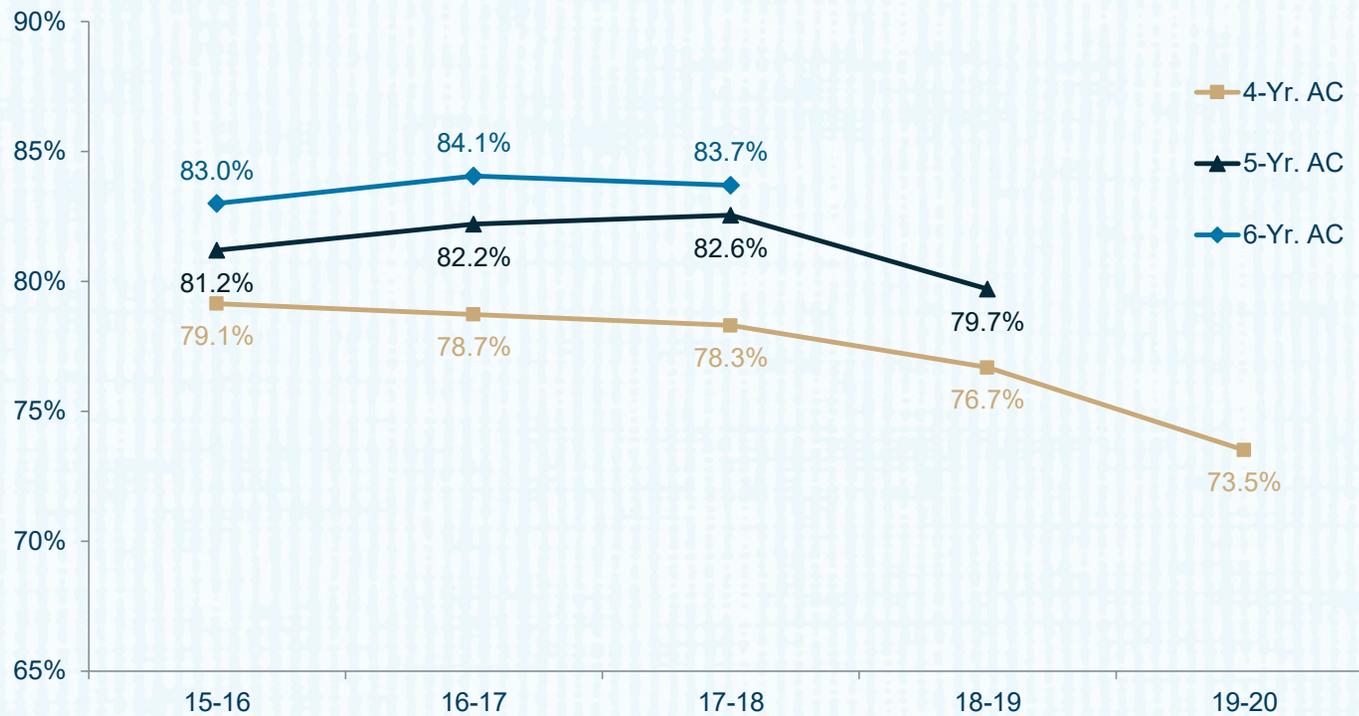
*5 and 6 year graduation rates are also calculated by the Nebraska Department of Education (NDE).

Note: Students who enroll in a program school are counted at their original HS enrollment / School of Assignment

Graduation Rates (2015-16 to 2019-20)

Graduation Year	Adjusted Cohort							
	4 – Year*		5 – Year		6 – Year		7 – Year	
2015-16	79.1%	2,591	81.2%	2,704	83.0%	2,763	84.7%	2,818
2016-17	78.7%	2,711	82.2%	2,843	84.1%	2,909	85.6%	2,963
2017-18	78.3%	2,774	82.6%	2,915	83.7%	2,963		
2018-19	76.7%	2,733	79.7%	2,854				
2019-20	73.5%	2,723						
Change	-3.2%	-10	-2.9%	-61	-0.4%	+54	+0.9%	+145

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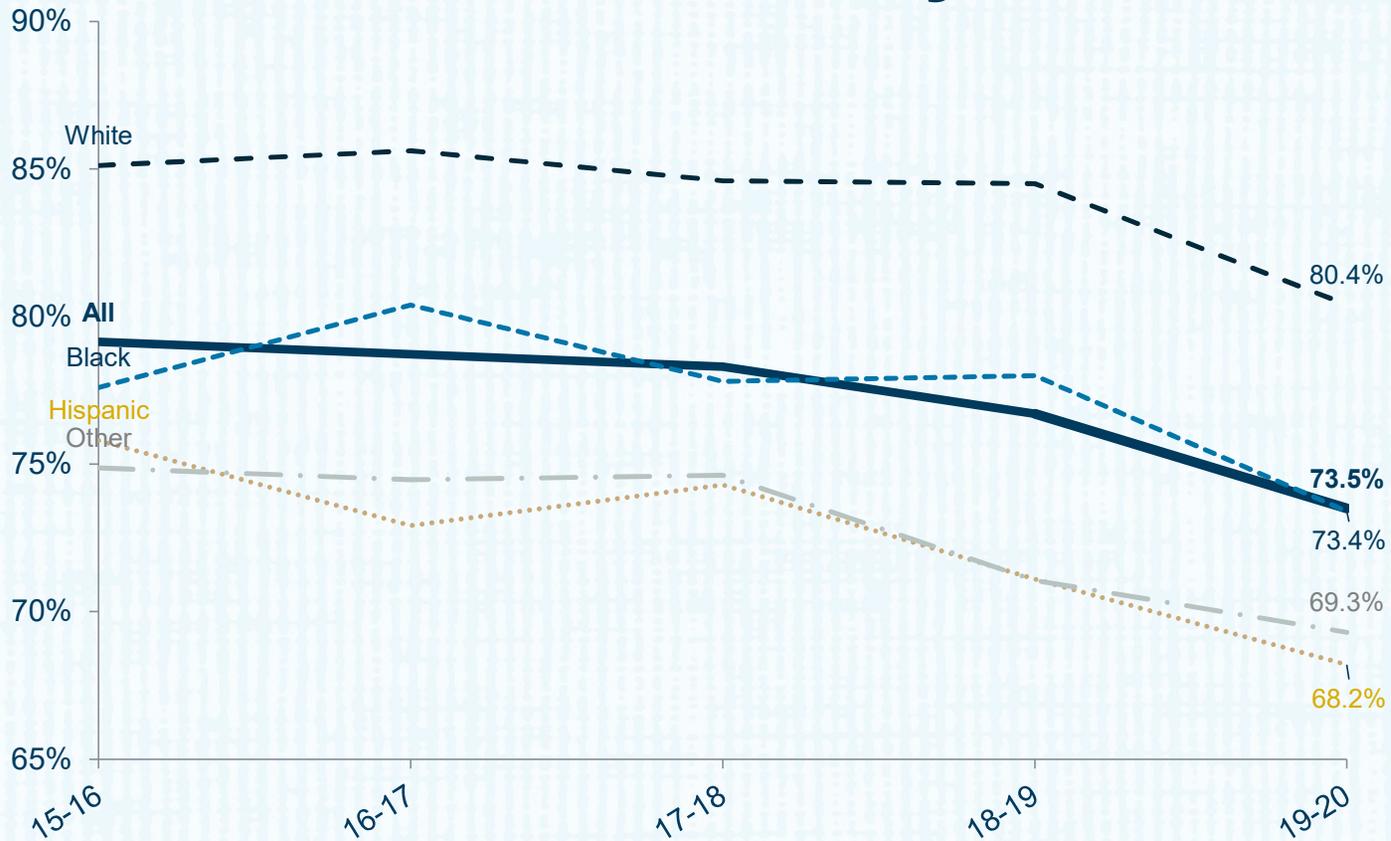
4 Yr. Graduation Rate Trend by Race/Ethnicity

Graduation by Race/Ethnicity

Race/Ethnicity	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	Diff
White	85.1%	85.6%	84.6%	84.5%	80.4%	-4.1%
Black or African American	77.6%	80.4%	77.8%	78.0%	73.4%	-4.6%
Hispanic	75.8%	72.9%	74.3%	71.1%	68.2%	-2.9%
Asian	69.5%	69.5%	69.0%	71.1%	77.6%	6.5%
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	*	*	*	*	*	*
American Indian/Alaska Native	*	*	*	*	*	*
Two or More Races	79.3%	82.1%	82.7%	78.0%	75.8%	-2.2%

* Subgroups are too small to report reliable numbers.

4 Yr. Graduation Rate Trend by Race/Ethnicity



Note: 'Other' is a combined graduation rate comprised of Asian, Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander, American Indian/Alaska Native and Multiracial.



Dropout Rates 2019-20



Dropout Rate Formula

Seeks to answer the question: “of those students who were enrolled at official fall membership, how many dropped out?”

- Numerator: Dropouts (7-12th grade)
- Denominator: Students at Official Fall Membership (7-12th grade)

$$\frac{\text{\# of Dropouts (7-12th grade)}}{\text{\# of Students (7-12th grade) at Official Fall Membership}}$$

Dropout Rates (2015-16 to 2019-20)

Year	Dropout Rate	Dropout Rate (9-12 Grade Only)
15-16	2.8%	4.3%
16-17	3.1%	4.6%
17-18	2.8%	4.1%
18-19	2.8%	4.1%
19-20	3.1%	4.6%
Change	0.3%	0.5%

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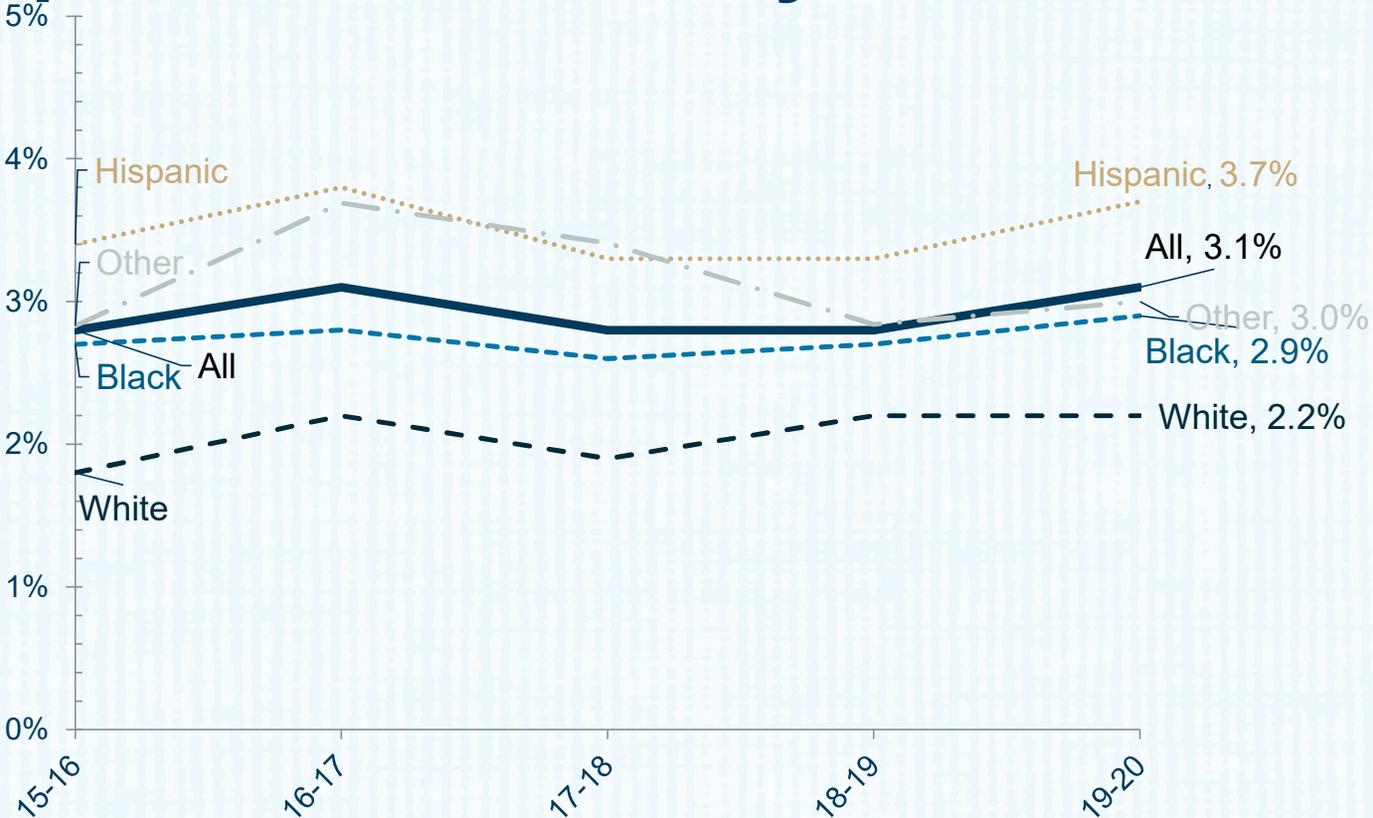


Dropout Rate Trend by Race/Ethnicity

Race/Ethnicity	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	Diff
White	1.8%	2.2%	1.9%	2.3%	2.2%	-0.1%
Black or African American	2.7%	2.9%	2.6%	2.7%	2.9%	0.2%
Hispanic	3.4%	3.8%	3.3%	3.4%	3.7%	0.3%
Asian	4.9%	4.1%	3.4%	2.7%	2.7%	0.0%
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	*	*	*	*	*	*
American Indian/Alaska Native	*	*	*	*	*	*
Two or More Races	3.0%	2.9%	3.0%	2.3%	3.8%	1.5%

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